Reviewer's report

Title: Magnitude of sexual abuse among male high school students in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Major Revisions:
The sociocultural values of Ethiopian people have not explained clearly although they briefly described general sociocultural context and sexual abuse for instance child trafficking and street working.

Additionally, I recommend to the authors to refer the study of Gobena Daniel which is searching on child sexual abuse in Addis Ababa High Schools.

Consequently, I recommend that they should give prevalances of boys’ sexual abuse which were conducted in their own city or country instead of the prevalances of male sexual abuse in other countries.

Could you explain the sentence of “When victims of completed rape were asked reasons for the act, majority (15 of the 28), responded that it was because they slept together”

Sleeping together can not be the reason for rape but it can be a risk factor for adolescence period which increases sexual impulse.

Is sleeping together an usual life habit or due to economic difficulties? It must be stated.

How do they obtain an information about “hopelessness or sleep disturbance” complaints. Do they apply any psychometric screening or is it a result of a measure? Please could you clarify if these symptoms are self report or not? This is not clear in text.

Minor revisions:
In the results section of abstract “this”must be replace capitalised form of “This”

13 th reference does not include the name of research and there is a spelling error.

Generally reference list must be checked according to the journal style.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'